

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548  
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Sharon A. Lane Benshoof on the occasion of her retirement from a lifetime of dedication to the teaching and practicing of Christian love and care in the profession of nursing and for her numerous contributions to the quality of life of Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers in the counties of Coffee and Bedford.

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Lane Benshoof did first aspire to be a medical missionary but had to forego that lofty goal to raise three children and move over twenty times with her career air force husband; and

WHEREAS, as a Nursing instructor she did faithfully honor the human service obligations of a federal nurses training grant through which she earned a master's degree in community health; and

WHEREAS, she did resolutely and fiercely uphold the rights and dignity of her patients using her exceptional nursing skills with Christian love and tenderness; and

WHEREAS, with the help of Pastor A. Richard Smith of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, Tennessee, she recruited volunteer nurses, raised funds, established an effective program, and lay the foundation for trinity care center, a day care center for persons with Alzheimer or related diseases and their caregivers. This exemplary organization is still serving persons in Coffee County; and

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WHEREAS, she proposed and received a grant from the United Way of Bedford County and became director of the Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford Country (CSPBC). This position required fundraising, voluminous paperwork to establish a non-profit organization; recruiting volunteer board members and advisory board members; and educating the community on the availability of this service; and

WHEREAS, she tirelessly made speeches to civic organizations, law enforcement, and fire-fighting departments in order to educate these groups in the special needs of Alzheimer's patients; and

WHEREAS, through the use of her special talents and unbounded love for humanity, she made a major difference in the many lives she touched in Middle Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Sharon A. Lane Benshoof our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.